GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG AGENCIES IN MUZAFFARPUR AND VAISHALI DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in Muzaffarpur and Vaishali districts and the places where these are located ;

(b) the number of urban and rural consumers in the above districts, separately ; (

(c) the arrangements made by the Government to deliver gas cylinders to the rural customers at their doorsteps ;

(d) whether the gas customers of rural areas have to purchase gas cylinders from the blackmarket dealing their villages ; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government for supplying gas to the rural customers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating 13 LPG agencies in Vaishali and 5 LPG agencies in Muzaffarpu districts of Bihar.

(b): OMCs are serving about 39,000 urban and 9,600 rural customers in Vaishali district and 90,000 urban and 9,700 rural customers in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar.

(c): LPG distributors of OMCs are required to effect home delivery of LPG refills to the customers residing in their authorised trading area. However, the customers residing outside the trading area are free to take the delivery of refills from LPG godowns on cash & carry basis.

(d) & (e): OMCs have not reported any such incidents of black marketing of LPG cylinders by their distributors.